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**Missouri FBLA:
Show Me Leadership**

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Leslie Kerns' Keynote Address

May 10, 2004



Missouri FBLA:

The 2003-2004 school year has come to a close. The members and advisers of Missouri Future Business Leaders of America have once again proven themselves to be talented and skilled individuals with outstanding leadership abilities.

We have many accomplishments to be proud of in Missouri FBLA. Membership has risen to a new high with 13,420 members from 390 chapters. Missouri FBLA chapters have participated in many worthwhile projects. We are contributing \$10,748 to Camp Quality, a camp for children who have cancer. March of Dimes will continue to help save babies' lives with our contribution of \$13,392.27 from local chapters. We are also sending March of Dimes \$1,089.29 that was raised at our March to Denver Dance at SLC. Other state projects will benefit our communities and our environment and will help feed the hungry.

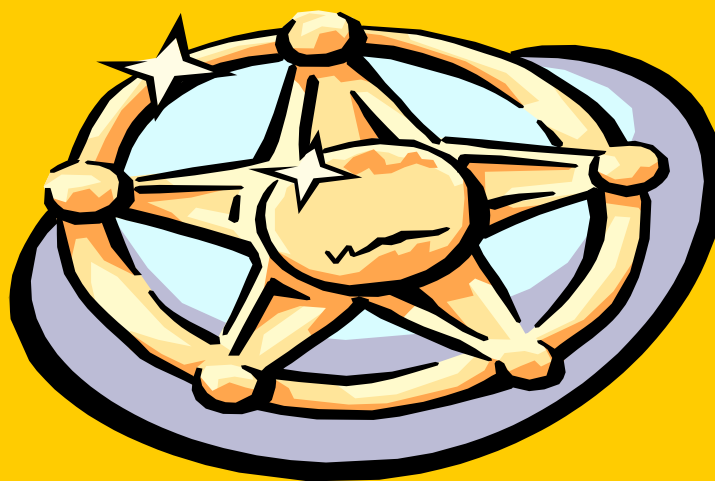
The best compliments that are paid to our FBLA members are those we hear from judges for the State Leadership Conference. They are always amazed by the high quality performances and reports that they see when they judge our events.

Congratulations to the members and advisers of Missouri Future Business Leaders of America for a successful year. I am proud to be part of such a great organization!

Sincerely,

Leslie Kerns

Leslie Kerns
FBLA State Adviser



Affiliates Speak Out

1) *This school year's state theme is "Missouri FBLA: Show Me Leadership!" Have we, as a state chapter, lived up to this theme this school year, and, if so, how? If not, please explain.*
"Yes, as a state we have shown ultimate leadership. We are very active in community service for the March of Dimes, and (we) always have many schools participate in the 'In Praise of Age' (state chapter) project.

We always have many members attend nationals."

—Ellen Rainwater, Wellsville-Middletown FBLA Student Council Rep.

"We have lived up to this theme through our donations and participation with March of Dimes and various other charities, as well as (with) our participation in competition, FBLA special events, and the State Leadership Conference."

—Chelsea Kopmann

2) *There have been some new projects and activities provided this school year, including the hunger site and the FBLA Game Day. In your opinion, were these two particular additions a success and worth being provided, and, if so, how? If not, please explain.*

"Yes, I enjoy the new activities and hope we receive new ones."

—ANONYMOUS

"I think so...I feel that hunger is a major issue, and anything that helps it in the least bit is a success. I also think that Game Day provides a day of fun that allows FBLA members to gather together as a group."

—Ashley Slay

3) *The State Leadership Team is available for all questions, comments, issues and concerns. Has this school year's team done a well enough job in fulfilling its duties? If so, then how? If not, please explain.*

"This school year's team has done a good job of being available to members through e-mail, informative newsletters, and (by) having an approachable manner."

—Mallory Brown

"Yes, they have fully! Terry was an awesome leader, great friend and a wonderful helper. Shyrhah was awesome, and (I) hope to work with her next year!"

—ANONYMOUS

4) *Missouri FBLA received an award for having the fifth largest state chapter membership in the nation, last school year. Do you feel that Missouri FBLA will be able to maintain this phenomenal membership, and, if so, for how long? If not, please explain.*

"Yes. FBLA members are so motivated, they go out year after year and recruit new members. There are always new members who are very dedicated. I feel we'll keep this record for a long time."

—Jay Hicks, MO FBLA State Reporter Elect, Wellsville-Middletown FBLA Chapter President

"I think we will keep getting larger. FBLA is great, and if we succeed we will be first.

Rock on Missouri FBLA!"

—ANONYMOUS

"Drop Box" Quotes

"I think that you need to have a more 'get to know your fellow FBLA members' workshop where you get to meet the people here (at the SLC)!" *—ANONYMOUS*

"For a fundraiser for the scholarship (Joanne Newcomer), have one district volunteer to bell hop for tips during state on Sunday afternoon!" *—ANONYMOUS*

"Change the voting procedure; possibility scantron; the way it is currently done is very time consuming and almost a punishment to have to sit there for two hours."

—ANONYMOUS

"Competition is cool, so are the State Officers!"—Glenn Thompson

"I move that if a female wears a straight edge dress shirt that she shouldn't have to tuck it into her skirt or pants. IT LOOKS DOPEY!" *—ANONYMOUS*

State Chapter Projects

CAMP QUALITY

Aurora, Belle, Bradleyville, Cape Central, Cassville, Chaffee, Clinton, Crane, Crystal City, Delta, District 10, East Carter County, Elsberry, Forsyth, Fulton, Green Ridge, Greenfield, Hermitage, Highland, Jackson, Joplin, Kearney, Kelly, Kickapoo, Knob Noster, Knox County, Lincoln, Lutheran North, Macon, Monett, Neosho, Nevada, New Haven, New Madrid, Nixa, Northeast Nodaway, Notre Dame, Oran, Osborn, Otterville, Paris, Perryville, Poplar Bluff, Salisbury, Santa Fe, Sarcoxie, and South Callaway!

MARCH of DIMES

Aurora, Bakersfield, Belle, Bernie, Bloomfield, Cape Central, Cassville, Centralia, Chaffee, Chamois, Clopton, Crane, Crystal City, East Carter County, Elsberry, Eugene, Fair Grove, Farmington, Forsyth, Fox, Fulton, Gainesville, Golden City, Green Ridge, Greenfield, Hallsville, Hermitage, Hickman, Highland, Houston, Jackson, Joplin, Kelly, Kickapoo, Kirksville, Knox County, Licking, Macon, Marion County, McCluer, Monett, Montgomery County, Nevada, New Madrid, Northwest @ House Springs, Northwestern (Mendon), Notre Dame, Oran, Otterville, Perryville, Putnam County, Richland (Essex), Salisbury, Smithville, South Callaway, South Iron, South Tech, Southern Boone, St. Clair, St. Elizabeth, St. Genevieve, Sullivan, Sweet Springs, Thayer, Tri County Tech Eldon, Troy, Twin Rivers, Washington, Wellsville-Middletown, West Platte, Woodland, and Worth County!

JOANNE NEWCOMER SCHOLARSHIP

Aurora, Bernie, Bloomfield, Cape Central, Cassville, Chaffee, Fulton, Hermitage, Hickman, Jackson, Kelly, Knox County, Lee's Summit North, McCluer, Monett, Notre Dame, Osborn, Otterville, Personal Donation, Poplar Bluff, Salisbury, South Callaway, Sweet Springs, and Wellsville-Middletown!

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Aurora, Bakersfield, Belle, Bowling Green, Bradleyville, Brunswick, Cabool, Canton, Cape Central, Carthage, Cassville, Chaffee, Clopton, Crane, Elsberry, Fair Grove, Farmington, Fox, Fredericktown, Fulton, Gainesville, Gallatin, Greenfield, Hermitage, Jackson, Knob Noster, Lincoln, Madison, Middletown, Monett, Montgomery County, Otterville, Paris, Perryville, Pilot Grove, Salisbury, Sarcoxie, Schuyler, South Callaway, St. Clair, St. Genevieve, Sturgeon, Sweet Springs, Trenton, Troy, Twin Rivers, West Platte, Woodland, and Worth County!

IN PRAISE of AGE

Aurora, Belle, Cabool, Canton, Cape Central, Carthage, Cassville, Centralia, Chaffee, Concordia, Clearwater, Crane, Crystal City, East Carter County, Elsberry, Eugene, Fair Grove, Farmington, Forsyth, Fulton, Gainesville, Galena, Green Ridge, Hannibal, Hermitage, Highland, Houston, Jackson, Joplin, Kirksville, Knob Noster, Lamar, Licking, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, Middletown, Monett, New Haven, New Madrid, North Harrison, Northwestern (Mendon), Notre Dame, Otterville, Paris, Perryville, Poplar Bluff, Putnam County, Salisbury, Sarcoxie, Schuyler, Scott City, Seckman, South Callaway, Southern Boone, St. Clair, St. Genevieve, Sturgeon, Sweet Springs, Thayer, Trenton, Tri County Tech Eldon, Troy, Twin Rivers, Verona, West Platte, Winston, Woodland, and Worth County!

REACH OUT & CARE

Advance, Aurora, Bakersfield, Belle, Bernie, Bloomfield, Bowling Green, Cabool, Canton, Cape Central, Carthage, Cassville, Centralia, Chaffee, Concordia, Crystal City, East Carter County, Elsberry, Fair Grove, Farmington, Forsyth, Fredericktown, Fulton, Gainesville, Galena, Gallatin, Grandview, Green Ridge, Hannibal, Hermitage, Hickman, Highland, Houston, Jackson, Joplin, Kelly, Kickapoo, Knob Noster, Lamar, La Plata, Lee's Summit North, Licking, Lincoln, Lutheran North, Macon, Madison, Middletown, Monett, Montgomery County, New Haven, North Harrison, Notre Dame, Oran, Osborn, Otterville, Paris, Perryville, Pilot Grove, Poplar Bluff, Putnam County, Reeds Spring, Salisbury, Sarcoxie, Schuyler, Scott City, Seckman, Skyline, South Callaway, South Tech, Southern Boone, Southwest, St. Clair, St. Genevieve, Sturgeon, Thayer, Trenton, Tri County Tech Eldon, Troy, Twin River, Washington, Valley (Caledonia), Verona, West Platte, Willard, Woodland, and Worth County!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Events & Conferences

This has been an unbelievably successful school year for the Missouri Future Business Leaders of America organization! The state chapter's program of work "kicked off" the year with the annual Summer Executive Leadership Conference in Columbia, Missouri. There, new changes were made such as local chapters only being allowed to receive two (2) copies of the state newsletter via mail; the state newsletter was available on-line this school year. Also, it was decided that calculators will be provided for all competitive events requiring them and that utilizing the hunger site (www.thehungersite.com) can be considered an activity under the Reach Out & Care section of the State Chapter Projects.

The next the state chapter annual FBLA Cardinals & the Cardinals members and members Royals game in first ever FBLA to be nothing success!

In National Fall Conference took Indianapolis, American occurred. had hundreds some serious this major, conference. Enterprise Day

"hit," as chapters participated in activities like having professionals from the business field come and speak to their members and taking field trips to business organizations such as A.G. Edwards.

FBLA-PBL Week was February 8-14! Missouri FBLA chapters went "crazy" with all sorts of events, and many honored each day of the week with a special activity. The State Leadership Team and the PBL State Officer Team met with Governor Bob Holden to declare February 8-14 as FBLA-PBL Week! February also marked the beginning of the district leadership conference season, beginning on the 13 of that month and carrying over until March 10. Some had to compete at their local chapter level before even getting to district competition, because more than the allotted wanted to enter their desired event. Many members worked hard and persevered to state competition!

Then, finally, after a highly intense and electrifying school year—everything drew to a close with the much anticipated State Leadership Conference (SLC) led by the State Officer Team. The competition was as fierce as ever, and Rolfe Carawan delivered an extremely credible keynote performance! After a hugely enacted program of work this school year, the SLC definitely took this state chapter out and on to the NLC with a



major event for was the first Game Day: Royals. Attending game was 706 their guests; 400 attended the Kansas City. The Game Day proved less than that of a

November, the Leadership place in Indiana, and Enterprise Day Missouri FBLA come and show "leadership" at annual Plus, American proved to be a

BELLE



(L to R): Kate Duckett, Charlie Tynes, Cory Basham, Jessica Barbarick, and Casey Henderson pose for a picture taken in the voting delegate room for the election of State

FAIR GROVE



Fair Grove's biggest accomplishments as a chapter have been supporting Shyrrah, State Secretary and State President Elect, in her endeavors to run for President and reactivating Strafford as an FBLA chapter in October this year. The officers of Fair Grove installed the officers at Strafford and stayed to answer questions about district competitions, show examples of reports, and discuss all the fun they have competing at state and district levels. After refreshments, the group took pictures and enjoyed touring the business department at Strafford High School. This chapter also hosted the District 13 competition this year. It managed to have its school shut down for the day and to have over 300 students compete from 19 chapters in the district. Fair Grove walked away with over 13 "top fives" after the day was over!!!

GRAND RIVER TECH



A one-day financial literacy workshop was held at the Grand River Technical School in March. Katie Nibarger and Kayla Rickena spearheaded the project, along with other members and sponsors.

The FBLA members planned this workshop to open students' eyes to financial literacy issues such as identity theft, obtaining financial aid for college, insurance needs, saving and investing, financial decision making, credit card use, and fraud and embezzlement. Local business professionals were asked to come and speak about specific and relevant topics relating to the lives of post high school students. The speakers and their selected topics included: Deputy Kim Valbracht, identity theft; Marla Harrington, obtaining financial aid; Scott Englert, insurance needs; Terry Nibarger, saving and investing; Ed Douglas, credit card use; Matt Rardon, financial decision making; and Robert Conrad, fraud and embezzlement.

Other members who were also included in the project were: Brent Shockey, Katie Ponting, Brad Alden, Ben Coult, Morgan Truesdell, Christin Ulmer, Katie Schmaltz, Nicole Cowell, and Devon Doss. Jayme Caughron, Joyce Mollohan and David Garrison, the local chapter advisers, were also instrumental in planning the workshop.

Many other community, faculty and staff members also provided assistance prior to or during the workshop. These individuals assisted in many ways, including assisting with supervision the day of the workshop and cleaning the facilities before and after the workshop!

HERMITAGE

The Hermitage High School FBLA chapter held its second annual "Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat" drive on Friday, October 31, 2003. Students went door-to-door collecting nonperishable items for the Hickory County Outreach Center between 4-7 p.m. Last year, the chapter collected 550 items. This year, they surpassed that tally and collected over 750 items. This activity fell under the "Reach Out & Care" section of the State Chapter Projects and earned the chapter recognition at the State Leadership Conference in April. Members that helped in the collection process, along with adviser Jill Salmon, were Matt Huff, Dody Devore, Andrew Jenkins, Nick McLerran, Sara Sawyer, Michael Roberts, Melissa Whiteside, Blaine Carter, Ryan Salmon, Mat Murray, Cassie Thomas, Kari Salmon, Lindsay Acker, Robb Pitts, Josh Vader, Blake Acker, Jenesa Ralston, and Laura Colwell!



MARQUAND-ZION

Marquand-Zion FBLA has done various service activities this year. The chapter had a toy drive for children in its school, and it raised money for the SLC, just to name a few. Marquand-Zion FBLA also had various fundraisers throughout the year and its end-of-year BBQ to celebrate all of its accomplishments. The local chapter held its monthly meetings and toy drive even though its adviser was on maternity leave.



POPLAR BLUFF



One of the major highlights for Poplar Bluff FBLA during the 2003-2004 school year would be that one of its very own was the Missouri Future Business Leaders of America State President! Spencer Piland served as President. This was the first state officer that the Poplar Bluff chapter has ever had.

Another highlight that stands out this school year would be that its Student Body helped it to collect over \$1,200 cans of food for the local rescue mission!

PORTAGEVILLE

The Portageville FBLA chapter has been very busy this school year. The chapter has achieved much recognition throughout the community and participated in numerous volunteer projects. The forty plus FBLA members of the high school, with the support of the Student Body, raised money by selling suckers, and the proceeds benefited Camp Quality. For the month of October, FBLA kept the entire high school campus and parking lot free from trash by participating in the school's campus clean-up program. During the Christmas season, FBLA members adopted two needy families in the community and bought Christmas gifts for them. After seeing how much joy they brought to the little children, the FBLA members decided to volunteer to ring bells for the Salvation Army at the Sikeston Wal-Mart. With all this volunteering, the advisers decided to reward everyone by buying BBQ for all the members. With all the help from these committed teens in March, the Red Cross collected 41 pints of blood from volunteers. The annual FBLA blood drive was a huge success!

After Christmas, it was time to begin studying for district competition. Seven Portageville FBLA members placed either first or second at district competition and received the honor of competition at the State Leadership Conference in Columbia, MO. Once all the testing and conferences were complete, it was time for the students to party. All the studying for tests was paid off by a "blow-out" dance, which all the members said was "off the hook!"



PUTNAM

Putnam County R-I FBLA in Unionville concluded the school year with an awards night and installation of the 2004-2005 officers. Officers are: Mandy Frost, Reporter; Chris Welder, Parliamentarian; Brook Shultz, President; April Hovar, Vice-President; Troy Couchman, Treasurer; Dustin Gardner, Point Reporter; Brad Hines, Secretary; Shannon Anderson, Treasurer; and Amanda Shahan, Historian.

FBLA chapter scholarships were presented in the amount of \$250 to Cybil Paris. Amy Brundage, Brett Robinson, and Kyle Fleshman. The chapter of 114 members were recognized for being the top 3-A school in FBLA membership for Missouri. As a chapter, students also exceeded sales of Kleinhenn products totaled at \$13,341.00 This is \$950 more than last year. Adviser Mrs. Cindy Peecher stated, "Students keep setting higher goals, and we exceed them every year for all activities."

Throughout the school year, students participated in the following: Leadership conferences, a penny war for the Relay for Life, a donation of County Fair Prizes, the Helpful Harvest Food Drive, the distribution of fruit baskets for the elderly, the selling of tournament programs for March of Dimes as a donation, a field trip to the Hearn Center and Missouri Book Service in Columbia, FBLA Week activities, a donation to the Excell Leadership Program, Christmas pizza parties, and district/state competitions!



RITENOUR



This has been a phenomenally successful school year for the Ritenour Future Business Leaders of America! The local chapter obtained its first ever state officer, Terry Dickson, and its head adviser, Kelly Jorden, served on the Board of Directors for Missouri FBLA. Other first-time highlights for the chapter include placing at the State Leadership Conference for the first time ever and having a member attend last school year's National Leadership Conference. As a result of all of this success, this local chapter has recently become the #1 organization at Ritenour High School! The Ritenour FBLA association is definitely showcasing some *extreme* leadership!!!

SCHUYLER

The Schuyler R-1 FBLA has had the opportunity to be of service to several people in its small community. When its students learned two families in its chapter were in a battle against cancer, they voted to help. They raised money through the sale of raffle tickets. In a thank you note from one parent, it read, "We are very impressed for the outstanding character of this group of individuals to go to such efforts to raise this kind of money, then to be so generous to donate it..." Service to the community was an important part of the 2003-2004 Schuyler



WEAUBLEAU



Eight Weaubleau Future Business Leaders of America members attended the 2004 Missouri FBLA State Leadership Conference on April 18, 19, & 20, in Columbia, Missouri.

Representing the chapter in state competitive events were: Adam Carney, 5th in Accounting II; Kelly Richard, 6th in Ms. Future Business Leader; Malisia Small, Business Communication; Allyson Srch & Evan Coyne, Multimedia Presentation; Allyson Srch & Ellen Kupersmith, Web Page Development; Melissa Roofener, Business Procedures; and Katelyn Marquis, Public Speaking I. Kelly Richard was recognized for outstanding local chapter service, and the Weaubleau chapter was recognized for recruiting and inducting the Humansville FBLA chapter. Allyson Srch and Ellen Kupersmith served as voting delegates. Accompanying the students were parent Candy Marquis and adviser Charla Lear.

WELLSVILLE-MIDDLETOWN



The Wellsville-Middletown R-1 chapter has had many proud accomplishments this year. It completed every project at the state level to become a Gold Seal chapter and Gold Key chapter at the national level. This chapter has had these awards for seven (7) years, and the chapter was started eight (8) years ago. Wellsville-Middletown had five (5) members advance to state competition, and placed second overall at the District 7 contest. The chapter had a member run for state office for the first time, and Jay Hicks won the office of State Reporter, as well as receiving the national level Future Award. This chapter is proud of its many community service efforts. It volunteers at the local nursing home, buys a turkey for a needy family at Thanksgiving time, recycles printer ink cartridges and toners, promotes the Hunger site, and cleans up around school property. The Wellsville-Middletown chapter hopes to stay as active or more the next year!

MOLLY PHELAN, State Parliamentarian

Fun Fact File

Favorite Food: N/A

Favorite Drink: Mountain Dew

Favorite Television Show: *The Simpsons*

Favorite Movie: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Favorite Book: *In the Forest of the Night*

Favorite Song: "Black Balloon"

Favorite Music Artist (s): Ani DiFranco

Favorite Class: N/A

Favorite Subject: History

Favorite Teacher: All of my teachers!

Date of Birth (DOB): January 26, 1986

Height: 5'7"

Hair Color: Brown

Eye Color: Hazel

Religion (if applicable): Episcopal

MOTTO: N/A

- 1) Why did you join the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)? A teacher, Jan Richardson, encouraged me to come into the chapter.
- 2) How long have you been involved with the FBLA organization? 4 years.
- 3) Why did you decide to run for a Missouri FBLA state office? At the 2002 SLC, I saw the State Officer Team and became interested in running for state office. I was already interested in parliamentary procedure, so, I decided to try for Parliamentarian (for the) next year.
- 4) At what point did you begin putting together your state office campaign; do you feel that you provided yourself with enough time? I wish I had more time to study for the parli. (parliamentary procedure) test.
- 5) While preparing to actually run for a state office, did you find it difficult to get support from others who were aware of what you were trying to accomplish, including your local chapter? Not really.
- 6) Approximately how much money did you put into your state office campaign? The money I spent to buy materials for parli. References.
- 7) While serving as a state officer, did you feel that you were being treated differently either positively or negatively in any way at local, district and/or state FBLA functions? I felt I was treated more positively while being a state officer at FBLA functions.
- 8) Have you at all formed any close relationships during your term as a state officer, and, if so, with whom? I have formed relationships with the whole State Officer Team. They are amazing individuals, funny, smart, and cared about the future of MO FBLA.
- 9) What do you find difficult about being a state officer? It was hard to be away from the other state officers. We all had to drive long distances for planning meetings.
- 10) What is the best thing about being a state officer? Getting to work with a great group.
- 11) What is your most memorable FBLA moment? At the end of the SLC, when the other officers and I said our farewells.
- 12) Advisers to state officers have to devote personal time to their state officer! Has your relationship with your local chapter adviser enhanced positively at all during your term? Definitely, my adviser and I have been all over the state and country!
- 13) What has being the MO FBLA State Parliamentarian done for your high school and post high school career? Due to my experience in FBLA, I was selected for a 30 student program at the University of Dayton, the Berry Scholars program. I am grateful for the opportunities FBLA provided me.
- 14) Has FBLA been your most significant high school activity? Yes, of course...I have been able to compete at a state and national level and hold offices at the state and regional level. The experience was indescribable and very valuable.
- 15) What have you learned from being the MO FBLA State Parliamentarian? I have learned more about MO FBLA programs and working with people from different backgrounds and areas.
- 16) What are your plans after high school? I am planning to major in Chemical Engineering at the University of Dayton.
- 17) What is your most embarrassing high school moment? Undecided.
- 18) What is your most embarrassing FBLA moment? Undecided.
- 19) What is your most memorable high school moment? The State Leadership Conference!!!
- 20) Who is your hero? Why? My parents, because they are so strong and willful!
- 21) What hobby or skill do you want to learn? I would love to learn how to fence!
- 22) What are you most proud of in your life? I have to be the most proud of my scholarship to the University of Dayton!
- 23) Where do you plan to be in ten (10) years from now? I plan to be working in chemical engineering.
- 24) What words best describe you? ORGANIZED!!!
- 25) What do you cherish most? Definitely my family!
- 26) How will you leave your mark on society? Hopefully by working on causes that really matter!
- 27) What do you aspire to be? A person joining the work force and obtaining a doctorate!!!

TERRY DICKSON, State Reporter

Fun Fact File

Favorite Food: Taco Bell

Favorite Drink: Sprite

Favorite Television Show: *American Idol & The Cosby Show*

Favorite Movie: *Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers: The Movie*

Favorite Book: *Catcher in the Rye*

Favorite Song: "Waterfalls," by TLC

Favorite Music Artist (s): TLC (I *LOVE* them)!

Favorite Class: Leadership

Favorite Subject: Business

Favorite Teacher (s): Ms. Kelly Jorden & Mrs. Mary Jane Petralli

Date of Birth (DOB): October 28, 1985

Height: 5'10.5"

Hair Color: Jet Black

Eye Color: Brown

Religion (if applicable): Baptist

MOTTO: "Always remember that everything happens for a reason—EVERYTHING!"

- 1) Why did you join the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)? I thought that it would look good on my resume and college applications. Ms. Jorden talked me into joining, too; she thought that I was something special!
- 2) How long have you been involved with the FBLA organization? Since my junior year; two years!
- 3) Why did you decide to run for a Missouri FBLA state office? This is so bad to say, but I initially ran because I just wanted to go to the SLC, due to being one spot away from qualifying for state competition at districts! It was my first year, and I had to go to state! It frustrated me so much that I was only one spot away from qualifying from state competition. Therefore, I was willing to do whatever it took to see exactly what I was missing out on!
- 4) At what point did you begin putting together your state office campaign; do you feel that you provided yourself with enough time? About a week after the deadline for candidate materials to the state office; I truly didn't have enough time—I had no idea what I was doing or what I was getting into! I told my adviser that I wanted to run for a state office, bringing up the topic for the first time, the day before state officer candidate materials were to be postmarked to the state office. We got it all together by midnight of that day, and the rest is history!
- 5) While preparing to actually run for a state office, did you find it difficult to get support from others who were aware of what you were trying to accomplish, including your local chapter? No one was aware of what I was doing besides my adviser and a couple of people who were to attend the SLC. I really didn't try to get support from others; I didn't know what I was doing! I had no idea that the campaigning was going to be as terrifyingly intense as it was! Who knew?!
- 6) Approximately how much money did you put into your state office campaign? \$50 (if that)!
- 7) While serving as a state officer, did you feel that you were being treated differently either positively or negatively in any way at local, district and/or state FBLA functions? Totally positively! Everyone knew who I was—I mean everyone! You can't imagine how popular you are as a state officer!
- 8) Have you at all formed any close relationships during your term as a state officer, and, if so, with whom? WOW! Where do I start? I'm sooooo close with the entire State Leadership Team (of course) and with Leslie Kerns and the rest of the Board members!
- 9) What do you find difficult about being a state officer? **MEETING DEADLINES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- 10) What is the best thing about being a state officer? Two things: Meeting phenomenal people from all over the country and running the State Leadership Conference! I've met some unforgettable individuals, and being on stage at SLC is such a rush!
- 11) What is your most memorable FBLA moment? Winning state office as a first year member; that was destiny!!!
- 12) Advisers to state officers have to devote personal time to their state officer! Has your relationship with your local chapter adviser enhanced positively at all during your term? Kelly Jorden is not my adviser—she's my best friend!!!
- 13) What has being the MO FBLA State Reporter done for your high school and post high school career? It got me a "full ride" to college! Being a state officer looks phenomenally brilliant to universities and colleges! It also made me the most interscholastically successful student in the history of my high school!
- 14) Has FBLA been your most significant high school activity? MOST DEFINITELY!
- 15) What have you learned from being the MO FBLA State Reporter? I've learned that everything happens for a reason—seriously!
- 16) What are your plans after high school? To attend Kansas State University and double major in architecture and theater!
- 17) What is your most embarrassing high school moment? Falling and hitting my head horribly on the cafeteria wall during my freshman year—in front of everyone! Everything moved in slow motion, and I instantly just ran off without thinking! I felt dumb!
- 18) What is your most embarrassing FBLA moment? Messing up during a speaking part on stage at the SLC this year, but I don't think that the audience could tell. I had gotten it perfect in rehearsal, but I ended up slurring two words together on accident, and it screwed up everything that I was trying to say!
- 19) What is your most memorable high school moment? Being on stage at the SLC!!!
- 20) Who is your hero? Why? Jesus Christ!!! Need I say more!
- 21) What hobby or skill do you want to learn? Sky diving and bungee jumping.
- 22) What are you most proud of in your life? Being a Christian!!!
- 23) Where do you plan to be in ten (10) years from now? Acting in Hollywood—making 25 million a picture!!!
- 24) What words best describe you? Bold and daring!
- 25) What do you cherish most? My religious beliefs!!!
- 26) How will you leave your mark on society? By entertaining the world on the "big screen!"
- 27) What do you aspire to be? A world renowned actor/entertainer!!!

JENNY SCHLICK, State Treasurer***Fun Fact File*****Favorite Food:** Vanilla Ice Cream**Favorite Drink:** Orange Hi-C**Favorite Television Show:** *Elimidate***Favorite Movie:** *Dirty Dancing***Favorite Book:** *The Five People You Meet in Heaven***Favorite Song:** "You'll Think of Me," by Keith Urban**Favorite Music Artist (s):** Rascal Flatts**Favorite Class:** Human Anatomy**Favorite Subject:** Science**Favorite Teacher:** Coach Riney**Date of Birth (DOB):** June 22, 1985**Height:** 5'6"**Hair Color:** Dark Blonde**Eye Color:** Green**Religion (if applicable):** Methodist**MOTTO:** "Love thy neighbor like thyself!"

- 1) Why did you join the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)? I joined FBLA because my best friend was in the organization, and I wanted to join to spend time with her.
- 2) How long have you been involved with the FBLA organization? I have been involved with FBLA for 3 years.
- 3) Why did you decide to run for a Missouri FBLA state office? I decided to run for a state office because my adviser, Coach Riney, encouraged me to run. I also wanted to meet fellow FBLA members from across the state.
- 4) At what point did you begin putting together your state office campaign; do you feel that you provided yourself with enough time? We started preparing for my state campaign right after districts, which is held in February; yes, I had time.
- 5) While preparing to actually run for a state office, did you find it difficult to get support from others who were aware of what you were trying to accomplish, including your local chapter? No, everyone was extremely helpful!!!
- 6) Approximately how much money did you put into your state office campaign? Honestly, I can't remember.
- 7) While serving as a state officer, did you feel that you were being treated differently either positively or negatively in any way at local, district and/or state FBLA functions? I was definitely treated more positively. Members would see my state suit and just start talking to me, unlike last year when I wasn't a (state) officer.
- 8) Have you at all formed any close relationships during your term as a state officer, and, if so, with whom? I think the whole team bonded during the State Leadership Conference. We all will always have that connection. Spencer and I became closer because he lives pretty close, and I went to his school's prom.
- 9) What do you find difficult about being a state officer? The most difficult thing at a state officer is not being able to spend more time with my chapter. Jackson takes many members to the conferences, and with state officer duties, I didn't really have as much time to see them as I would like.
- 10) What is the best thing about being a state officer? The best thing is definitely the State Leadership Conference!
- 11) What is your most memorable FBLA moment? My most memorable moment was the state planning meeting and going to the Samaritan Center in Jefferson City! To watch people volunteer just to help their fellow man was incredible!
- 12) Advisers to state officers have to devote personal time to their state officer! Has your relationship with your local chapter adviser enhanced positively at all during your term? Yes! Coach Riney and I were close before becoming a state officer, but we definitely bonded more throughout the year.
- 13) What has being the MO FBLA State Treasurer done for your high school and post high school career? MO FBLA has taken me from a shy freshman that wouldn't talk to the person next to her to a senior that talked in front of thousands as SLC. I also competed in Ms. FBL; the interview enabled me to practice interviews which helped my interview for college.
- 14) Has FBLA been your most significant high school activity? Yes.
- 15) What have you learned from being the MO FBLA State Treasurer? I have learned that MO FBLA is the best by far!
- 16) What are your plans after high school? I will be attending Maryville University in St. Louis to major in Physical Therapy and play softball.
- 17) What is your most embarrassing high school moment? My most embarrassing high school moment was during a softball game; I was playing centerfield, and was going after a deep fly ball, and ran into the fence.
- 18) What is your most embarrassing FBLA moment? My most embarrassing FBLA moment was during my campaign speech when I forgot a line.
- 19) What is your most memorable high school moment? My most memorable high school moment was being able to meet my wonderful friend, Justin Gibbs.
- 20) Who is your hero? Why? My hero is no longer living. It is my grandpa, Charles E. Decker. Grandpa believed in me and always encouraged me to achieve things I didn't think were possible. He was a loving husband, outstanding father, and a terrific grandpa.
- 21) What hobby or skill do you want to learn? I would love to learn how to snow ski! I want to live in Colorado one day; so learning to ski would be beneficial.
- 22) What are you most proud of in your life? I am most proud of the person I have grown up to be.
- 23) Where do you plan to be in ten (10) years from now? I plan to be in Colorado, as a physical therapist, married to the love of my life.
- 24) What words best describe you? Kind, smart, athletic and goofy.
- 25) What do you cherish most? I cherish my family and friends.
- 26) How will you leave your mark on society? I hope to help as many people through physical therapy as I can.
- 27) What do you aspire to be? Physical Therapist!

SHYRAH PERRY, State Secretary

Fun Fact File

Favorite Food: Ice Cream & Mexican

Favorite Drink: Water & Frappachinos

Favorite Television Show: *Real World & Sports Center*

Favorite Movie: WOW! I have Tons! Top two are Footloose and The Prince & Me

Favorite Book: Bible

Favorite Song: I love all music

Favorite Music Artist (s): Avril Lavigne & No Doubt

Favorite Class: P.E. & any business class

Favorite Subject: History

Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Robinson

Date of Birth (DOB): October 3, 1986

Height: 5'7"

Hair Color: Blonde

Eye Color: Blue

Religion (if applicable): Missionary Baptist

MOTTO: "Live life to the fullest!"

- 1) Why did you join the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)? Because I saw the neat things they did for others. It seemed worth while.
- 2) How long have you been involved with the FBLA organization? Since my freshman year—3 years.
- 3) Why did you decide to run for a Missouri FBLA state office? The challenge, and I was asked to (who knew how wonderful it was)!
- 4) At what point did you begin putting together your state office campaign; do you feel that you provided yourself with enough time? Well, I started my ideas in my head for at least six months, this time around. I began getting ideas after I got (state) secretary, but putting things together this time was more of a challenge because of time. Thank goodness I knew what to do!
- 5) While preparing to actually run for a state office, did you find it difficult to get support from others who were aware of what you were trying to accomplish, including your local chapter? NO! Everyone wanted to help—I mean everyone! This time around, everyone who didn't help the first time wanted to. Everyone wanted me to get it, so they put in lots of time with me!
- 6) Approximately how much money did you put into your state office campaign? I would say almost \$50! I got almost everything donated! All together about \$500-\$700 was donated! That was this time around, though, while campaigning for State President!
- 7) While serving as a state officer, did you feel that you were being treated differently either positively or negatively in any way at local, district and/or state FBLA functions? Positively; everyone was so nice!
- 8) Have you at all formed any close relationships during your term as a state officer, and, if so, with whom? WOW! Almost everyone I meet I keep in contact with! I am not kidding; from St. Louis to Otterville to Park Hill to Cuba (Gosh, I don't want to leave anybody out! So, I will say this—I love everyone I have met!)
- 9) What do you find difficult about being a state officer? Easy one—TIME, but I love it!
- 10) What is the best thing about being a state officer? Helping others and meeting unforgettable people. It all works out for a reason!
- 11) What is your most memorable FBLA moment? TOO MANY! I have a couple of good ones: Mrs. Droegge and her car stories, waiting forever at Hard Rock Café at nationals with the boys and Otterville, us girls trying to fix Jenny's dress at SLC, and winning State Secretary and President. #1: Meeting my outgoing officers—I love you guys!!!
- 12) Advisers to state officers have to devote personal time to their state officer! Has your relationship with your local chapter adviser enhanced positively at all during your term? YES! Mrs. R is my second mom and my guardian angel!
- 13) What has being the MO FBLA State Secretary done for your high school and post high school career? (It) Made me realize how lucky I am. I am now so much stronger, and I hope I continue to use this for college.
- 14) Has FBLA been your most significant high school activity? FBLA is so different from sports; sports are so important to me, too. It works out well. FBLA has made me just the way sports have. I love how the two work with me!
- 15) What have you learned from being the MO FBLA State Secretary? God has used me to help others. It is so important to me! Not only have I received business skills—but people skills that I will never lose!
- 16) What are your plans after high school? Go to college, major in Business Administration, and play college volleyball! I want to coach, teach business, and someday become a principal or superintendent.
- 17) What is your most embarrassing high school moment? They happen daily—ask anyone!
- 18) What is your most embarrassing FBLA moment? Almost puking during voting—twice!
- 19) What is your most memorable high school moment? Winning State FBLA Secretary and President and going to state in Volleyball and Track & Field!
- 20) Who is your hero? Why? Everyone inspires me in some way.
- 21) What hobby or skill do you want to learn? As funny as it sounds, to type faster—also patience!
- 22) What are you most proud of in your life? Being saved!!!
- 23) Where do you plan to be in ten (10) years from now? Married with kids, teaching, coaching, living life to the fullest, and being involved in church and sports!
- 24) What words best describe you? DETERMINED!
- 25) What do you cherish most? My grandmothers' helpful hints in life, my family and my church!
- 26) How will you leave your mark on society? I will help others and always be positive. I hope to be there for everyone who might need a friend. I want people to learn from me, and (I) want to go out and do something for someone else!
- 27) What do you aspire to be? Coach!!!

MICHAEL JOHNSON, State Vice-President***Fun Fact File***

Favorite Food: Gotta' be pizza. Best food ever.

Favorite Drink: Mountain Dew, Lemonade, and water.

Favorite Television Show: 24, South Park, and Chappelle's Show

Favorite Movie: Deep Rising, Spider-Man, and Lord of the Rings

Favorite Book: The Stand, The Shining, and The Dark Tower by Stephen King

Favorite Song: Changes about everyday

Favorite Music Artist (s): Coheed and Cambria, Story of the Year, The Used, New Found Glory, Less Than Jake, and Brand New

Favorite Class: Jazz Band

Favorite Subject: English

Favorite Teacher (s): Mrs. Chris Winter & Mrs. Barbara Droege

Date of Birth (DOB): December 28, 1985

Height: 5'9"

Hair Color: Blonde

Eye Color: Bluish Green

Religion (if applicable): Christian

MOTTO: "There are two steps to leading a good life. Step one:

Don't give away all of your secrets."

- 1) Why did you join the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)? I joined because I was in a business class, and the FBLA organization looked fun.
- 2) How long have you been involved with the FBLA organization? For four (4) years.
- 3) Why did you decide to run for a Missouri FBLA state office? In my chapter, we had a person run for office every year. I had been involved in the skits and the campaigning twice before I ran, and I really liked it. When the time came, I decided running was something I really wanted to do.
- 4) At what point did you begin putting together your state office campaign; do you feel that you provided yourself with enough time? I started writing my speech and skit toward the end of my junior year. That stuff really didn't take that long, but getting the campaign materials took a little while. In the end, I felt I had given myself enough time, but some of my stuff wasn't even planned. Anyone remember tin foil hats?
- 5) While preparing to actually run for a state office, did you find it difficult to get support from others who were aware of what you were trying to accomplish, including your local chapter? No, everyone in my chapter and family was really supportive.
- 6) Approximately how much money did you put into your state office campaign? \$100-\$150!
- 7) While serving as a state officer, did you feel that you were being treated differently either positively or negatively in any way at local, district and/or state FBLA functions? Well, at local and district meetings, I was known as the Vice-President, but nothing drastic.
- 8) Have you at all formed any close relationships during your term as a state officer, and, if so, with whom? Yes, all of my fellow state officers are great, and I've become pretty close with them. I've also met a whole lot of great people whom I still stay in contact with.
- 9) What do you find difficult about being a state officer? There wasn't anything that was too difficult. Leading the state and national votes wasn't exactly a "walk in the park," but that's about it.
- 10) What is the best thing about being a state officer? Traveling and meeting all of the interesting people.
- 11) What is your most memorable FBLA moment? Going to Texas for nationals. That was a really exciting trip, and (it) opened my eyes to how big FBLA really is.
- 12) Advisers to state officers have to devote personal time to their state officer! Has your relationship with your local chapter adviser enhanced positively at all during your term? Yes. Mrs. Droege and I have become really close during this time. She is an amazing person, and I'll really miss her next year.
- 13) What has being the MO FBLA State Vice-President done for your high school and post high school career? Being a state officer has given me a very different outlook on high school and even given me some plans for business in college.
- 14) Has FBLA been your most significant high school activity? Besides sports, yes!
- 15) What have you learned from being the MO FBLA State Vice-President? I've learned a lot about business, speaking and being a leader!
- 16) What are your plans after high school? I'm attending Truman State University next year.
- 17) What is your most embarrassing high school moment? Too many to count!
- 18) What is your most embarrassing FBLA moment? SEE ABOVE!
- 19) What is your most memorable high school moment? A couple of really close football games we pulled out last year to win conference!
- 20) Who is your hero? Why? There are quite a few people I look up to, some famous some not. Basically, anyone who makes a difference in the world or makes themselves out of nothing earns my respect.
- 21) What hobby or skill do you want to learn? I'd like to improve my guitar skills.
- 22) What are you most proud of in your life? My friends, family, education...all the essentials.
- 23) Where do you plan to be in ten (10) years from now? Graduated from college, working in business and hopefully doing some writing.
- 24) What words best describe you? Friendly, funny, caring.
- 25) What do you cherish most? Besides family and all that, I'd have to say my comic book collection. Get some old ones worth mega bucks.
- 26) How will you leave your mark on society? Hopefully by doing something really important.
- 27) What do you aspire to be? A writer, or maybe an actor. That would be cool!

SPENCER PILAND, State President

Fun Fact File

Favorite Food: N/A

Favorite Drink: Ice Tea/Breve

Favorite Television Show: *The Daily Show & Arrested Development*

Favorite Movie: *The Truman Show*

Favorite Book: *Fahrenheit 451* & *The Iliad*

Favorite Song: "The Good Life," by Weezer

Favorite Music Artist (s): Incubus & Weezer

Favorite Class: Calculus

Favorite Subject: Business

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Reeves

Date of Birth (DOB): October 12, 1985

Height: 6'3"

Hair Color: Brown with blonde highlights

Eye Color: Brown

Religion (if applicable): Methodist

MOTTO: "Attitude and leadership make me the person I am."

- 1) Why did you join the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)? I joined FBLA because I was interested in business, and my friends told me it was cool; nothing complicated.
- 2) How long have you been involved with the FBLA organization? Since my junior year.
- 3) Why did you decide to run for a Missouri FBLA state office? I thought FBLA was a great organization, but wish I would have known about it earlier. I ran to get more people involved at an earlier age.
- 4) At what point did you begin putting together your state office campaign; do you feel that you provided yourself with enough time? Right after district competition. Yeah, I planned for a long time, and with the help of others, I was prepared by the SLC.
- 5) While preparing to actually run for a state office, did you find it difficult to get support from others who were aware of what you were trying to accomplish, including your local chapter? No, everyone was very supportive.
- 6) Approximately how much money did you put into your state office campaign? \$500 mostly for frisbees.
- 7) While serving as a state officer, did you feel that you were being treated differently either positively or negatively in any way at local, district and/or state FBLA functions? Since I was a face associated with FBLA, I think I was given more positive treatment; mostly people just wanted to talk to me, which I love. I'm an "all-out" people person.
- 8) Have you at all formed any close relationships during your term as a state officer, and, if so, with whom? I feel I have a unique and special relationship with all of the state officers; they are people I will never forget.
- 9) What do you find difficult about being a state officer? The time that it takes away from your town and school was definitely the most difficult part.
- 10) What is the best thing about being a state officer? The training—it helped me to become a more well rounded person with the skills available for success.
- 11) What is your most memorable FBLA moment? Eating sushi with Michael in Dallas during the NLC...that and winning Mr. FBL for MO!
- 12) Advisers to state officers have to devote personal time to their state officer! Has your relationship with your local chapter adviser enhanced positively at all during your term? My advisers, Ms. Davis and Mrs. Casinger, have become like parents to me. They are the best and two ladies that I very much admire.
- 13) What has being the MO FBLA State President done for your high school and post high school career? Being a state officer has helped me discover more about myself; without FBLA, I might not have discovered my college, major or career until later in life.
- 14) Has FBLA been your most significant high school activity? Yes, but I am also involved heavily in high school activities and community betterment projects through student council.
- 15) What have you learned from being the MO FBLA State President? Public speaking skills were one of the main things, but also a lot about leadership.
- 16) What are your plans after high school? I plan to attend the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville and double major in Business Economics and Finance. I would either like to manage mutual funds or start my own business.
- 17) What is your most embarrassing high school moment? Yelling a cuss word over a local radio station!
- 18) What is your most embarrassing FBLA moment? Telling those horrible jokes on stage at the NLC at the Missouri meeting.
- 19) What is your most memorable high school moment? I don't know; I don't think I will really know until I look back in a few years.
- 20) Who is your hero? Why? Innovators are my heroes; they find a way to make peoples' lives better and are successful.
- 21) What hobby or skill do you want to learn? I want to speak Spanish.
- 22) What are you most proud of in your life? Going to state (in) FBLA, winning Mr. FBL, getting 2nd in Impromptu Speaking, and then going the next week to compete at state for speech.
- 23) Where do you plan to be in ten (10) years from now? In 10 years, I would like to maybe have a wife, a dog, and a house (I'll save ruling the world till I'm 38)!
- 24) What words best describe you? Enthusiastic, bright, charismatic, and proud!
- 25) What do you cherish most? Knowledge! No one can ever take away what you know from you.
- 26) How will you leave your mark on society? I would like to come up with an idea for a product that will change the world and make lives better.
- 27) What do you aspire to be? SUCCESSFUL (in my own terms)!

KELLY JORDEN & JAN TROESTER

KELLY JORDEN
Board of Directors



JAN TROESTER
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KELLY Says:

Congratulations on a great year, MO FBLA! Being involved with FBLA has been the best career decision I have made. Terry Dickson was my first-ever state officer candidate, and wouldn't you know it, he won. I am a Business Education teacher and FBLA adviser at Ritenour High School in Saint Louis. I have been a teacher for six (6) years. I love my job, and wouldn't trade it for any other. I have lived in MO my entire life, and graduated from Viburnum High School in Viburnum, MO. In 1988, I received my Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Lindenwood College. I, then, worked in Corporate America for 11 years. After establishing my family of three (3) children, I decided to change careers and become a teacher. I have a Master of Art in Teaching from Lindenwood University. The rest is history! I am proud to be involved with a strong organization,



JAN Says:

I am a fairly new teacher, having taught two years at Lee's Summit North High School in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Teaching is my second career. For the previous twenty (20) years, I worked in public accounting as a CPA. Many of those years, I worked part-time to keep a flexible schedule for my children. The areas of accounting I worked in were individual, estate and trust taxation. My husband, who is an elementary principal, and I have two children, Aaron, a senior, and Ann, a freshman in high school. I was in FBLA as a student in the seventies, before personal computers were even out. I learned to type on a manual typewriter. We only had a couple of IBM electric typewriters to try once in a while...they were the deluxe, new equipment of that time period. I love seeing the work, effort and accomplishments being made by FBLA

SANDRA ROBINSON & BARBARA DROEGE

SANDRA ROBINSON



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SANDRA Says:

Hello, Missouri! What a great year we have had! Thank you for all your hard work and professionalism that made Missouri FBLA so great. Even though we are parting ways, I want you to know a little bit about me so that you know how I got to be in the position I am. I started out with a cum laude degree from Southwest Missouri State University. My dad was an executive for IBM, so I have always been around computers, and have always enjoyed them. After working as a computer programmer for Mid-America Dairymen, I realized that even though I did love computers, I love working with people just as much. So, I decided teaching would put both of my interests, working with computers AND people, together. I came to Fair Grove in 1994, and enjoyed it so much I decided to stay. I received my masters in education from Southwest Baptist University in 2000, and have served on many committees in education, including DESE's Desktop Publishing and Multimedia curriculum committee. My husband, Tim, and I have been married for 15 years, and my son, Marshall, and daughter, Maddie, are 12 and 7 respectively. I am guardian of my brother, who is severely handicapped and living in a group home. My husband farms and raises beef cattle, and we enjoy the outdoors by waterskiing, riding atvs, hunting, fishing, go-cart racing, restoring antique cars, and archery. I teach piano and play mandolin; I also sing for church. If I have ANY free time left I spend it reading non-fiction. I want to thank you for letting me get as much out of state FBLA as I gave to it. I will always enjoy fond memories of this year, and treasure it as one of my favorite years teaching and advising. God bless you all in your endeavors, and I will pray for wise decisions in your future!

BARBARA Says:

Hi, Missouri FBLA! Being the adviser to the State Vice-President, Michael Johnson, has been an awesome experience. The National Leadership Conference in Dallas, the Summer Executive Leadership Conference, the National Fall Leadership Conference in Baltimore, the FBLA-PBL Week Proclamation Signing with Governor Holden, and the State Leadership Conference all take on a new meaning when you are a member of the State Executive Board. Central Missouri State University is my alma mater. I taught at Sweet Springs High School for 24 years, and have been an FBLA adviser since 1987. I am the mother of two grown sons. My grandson Austin, who is the joy of my life, will soon be two years old. In my spare time, I like to read mysteries, work in the yard, and shop. I am a country music fan, and like action adventure movies with car crashes and things that blow up. I have enjoyed meeting and working with FBLA members and advisers from throughout the state. Being a business teacher and an FBLA adviser is a

DARLENE DAVIS & EVELYN CASINGER

**DARLENE DAVIS
EVELYN CASINGER
Board of Directors**

DARLENE & EVELYN Say:

Hello, Missouri FBLA! It has been our pleasure to serve as the 2003-2004 State President's (Spencer Piland) advisers. Although it has been an action packed year, we would not trade the miles of traveling or the deadlines that had to be met for anything. We encourage all local advisers to motivate members of their chapter to become a state officer. The following is our educational background: Davis (B.S.E. from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau; M.S.E. from University in Bolivar), and Casinger (B.S.E. from University in Jonesboro, Arkansas. We both have post-graduate work, as well. This is our sixth year to serve as FBLA advisers. Serving as adviser to a state officer has been very rewarding. Working with the other state officers, their advisers, and the staff at DESE is an opportunity that all advisers should experience. *FBLA members*, take the time to explore the requirements to become a state officer and talk with your adviser about it. *FBLA advisers*, take the time to encourage your members to explore the opportunity to become a state officer. You will not regret it! It's been one terrific year! Best wishes to all MO FBLA members that will be competing at NLC!



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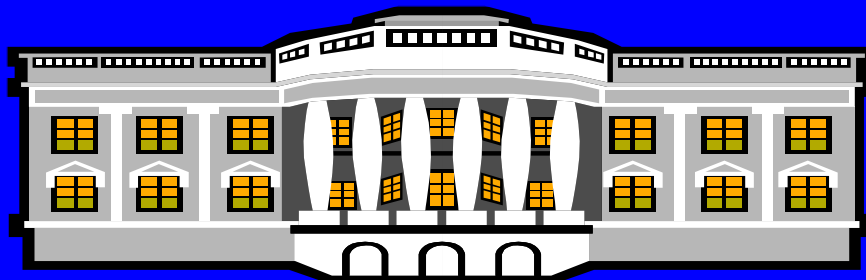


LESLIE Says:

Greetings, Missouri FBLA! My name is Leslie Kerns, and I have been the Missouri FBLA State Adviser for almost two years. Before that, I was a business teacher in Nebraska, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Missouri. Missouri is where I was born, grew up, went to school, and started my teaching career.

Because of job transfers with my husband's company, we lived in several states and overseas. I have four (4) children and five (5) grandchildren.

I am very happy to be back in our home state working as a Business Education Supervisor with the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. There are times when I miss teaching, but I still have contact with fantastic students in FBLA. Working with Missouri FBLA is exciting and challenging. Thank you, members and advisers of FBLA, for the opportunity to serve you!



CAREY SMITH
State FBLA-PBL Chair



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CAREY Says:

Hello, Missouri FBLA! My name is Carey Smith, and I am the current FBLA-PBL Chair for Missouri. Prior to that, I was the Missouri FBLA State Adviser. I strongly believe in the goals of FBLA-PBL, and I have been involved with FBLA-PBL in a variety of ways. I have served at the national level on the

National Awards Program Committee, at the local level as an FBLA local chapter adviser, FBLA district lead chapter adviser, PBL officer and member, and FBLA officer and member. I

grew up in Missouri, went to school in Missouri, and taught business education in Missouri. I like to spend my free time with my husband, Kyle, and daughter, Kaley!

